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Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, will resign within a matter of weeks. The administration has been looking quietly for a new chief for the super-secret spy center since the Cuban fiasco, which the administration blames largely on misinformation and bad planning by CIA.

Now that time has calmed the Cuban controversy, after Congress—with its outspoken critics of the administration—

goes home, Mr. Dulles, 68, will resign. President Kennedy, however, has not yet selected his new CIA chief. His search has ranged far, from the president of Stanford University in California to 50-year-old Wall Street lawyer Fowler Hamilton. But he is still looking people over.

SIDENOTE: There have also been rumors that J. Edgar Hoover, head of CIA's domestic counterpart, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will resign before the end of the year. Hoover, however, in his 60's, doesn't want to retire, and President

Kennedy is inclined to leave him in his post. At least for the present.